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MR. BRYAN'S silence on the reorganiza tion of the Democratic party and finding n new candidate is noticeable.

THE people who are attacking the army canteen are simply and inexcusably blind to the great advantage it is to the army.

WHAT a brilliant comparison Gen. Shafter makes with Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, Gen. Builer, and the whole aristocratic South African push!

A LESSON that is slowly filtering through the minds of the practical British is that though it cost much more to put the Colonial volunteers in the field they did much better service than the reg-

What's this we have always heard killed, or about one in every 29. We vol- lars or Volunteers-will make an incom

THE new Maxim guns, firing automatically one-pound shells, are expensive military toys. Each cartridge costs about \$1.50, and as it is possible to fire 300 a minute, each minute of action would cost | the bill. shout \$450. It would not take many batteries a great while, under the command of lively young Lieutenants, to fire away the proceeds from the beer tax.

THE Army people are having quite time testing "emergency rations," none of which has so far been satisfactory. They tion than the old-fashioned hardtack and pork, which successfully met so many emergencies. It is really about as concentrated nutriment as science has so far

Africa. If we should intimate that we their discharge from the volunteer and would send a mob of Western cowboys regular service at the close of the war. down to Nicaragua to defend the canal it | Every official is ready to testify how suwould scare the British statesmen into perior these as a class have been in intel-

LET us see. Arizona, New Mexico and military experience. Oklahoma have each about as many men as the South African Republic, and better ones, man for man. Experience would inworst.

on "Familiar Fish." The most of us have been troubled by the shy, diffident character of the fish in our neighborhood. Posshark, which is liable to become disagreeably familiar on slight acquaintance, even on sight.

44,708 for the year, and almost exactly in these gatherings.

50,000 have come since the island passed dominate the islands and not negroes, as the requirements, many anticipated. If the newcomers become citizens they will incline much more strongly to United States than native rule,

his income of \$100,000 a year in Great any kind, whose sole vocation has been politics, and yet who has laid up in Great of New York and such an evil day as came to Boss Tweed, property that yields him an annual income of \$100,000 a year, How much he may have in this country is to be guessed at.

TEXAS CONTRIBUTIONS.

Since our last issue we have received of the distressed comrades and their fami-Previously acknowledged\$718.78 W. L. Blackman, Allentown, Pa...

Geo. Hechler, Dalton, Mo... Col. David Hughes Post and W. R. 5.00 Headquarters Department of Texas,

G. A. R., Houston, Tex., Dec. 10, 1900. NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Once ere the Department of Texas acknowl-

CHAS. B. PECK.

THE VETERANA PREFERENCE BILL,

The Bromwell Veterans' Preference Bill, which came near passing at the last PUBLISHED WEEKLY. public have petitioned, came up for paswith great vigor.

> The bill provides that veterans of the rebellion shall be given preference for employment in the Executive Departments, and retention in such employment, and that after them such preference shall be extended to veterans of the Spanish War the following rules in regard to it, copied and of the Philippines.

Surprising to say, Col. Hepburn, of Iowa, led in the assault, and tried to secure an amendment striking out the provision that "persons thus preferred shall not be removed, except upon charges and after a hearing."

Mr. Clayton, of New York, was the only friend that spoke for the bill, besides Mr. Bromwell. He said that the law was similar to one which had worked very well in the State of New York.

vice, gave free rein to his imagination in depicting the evils of the bill. He feared that all the men who were fighting the pattles of the country in the Philippines would claim office under the bill, and there would be nothing left for poor little felows who wanted nice places, and yet had no stomach for serving their country in the field. There would be the 200,000 men who served in the Spanish War, and all those now in the service, making a preferred list of 350,000, who would have to be appointed before any civilian could get a show. Then there were the Regulars, who went into the service merely

because they liked army life, and had no right to be considered in appointments Besides, they had their pensions. What more did they want? Mr. Gillett's arguments were weak al

ost to silliness. What rights have any civilians to office that are interfered with? There are many millions of young men in this country who do not want or expect any office under the Government. What class of young men are being discriminated against by reserving public employment for men who have served their coun try as soldiers? The object of civil ser vice is to seenre the best quality of mer about the "stubborn fighting" of English for the service of the Government, and regiments? About 400 of one of the finest there can be no question that a man who British regiments are attacked on a hill, has been honorably discharged after fuland surrender, after a loss of only 14 filling his enlistment-either in the Reguunteers never lay down like that during parably better clerk than the callow, unfledged weaklings who pass directly from

the high schol to a Government desk. Gen. Grosvenor repeated the old, exploded vapidity about the bill creating a privileged class. He simply could not think of any better excuse for opposing

Mr. Sulzer attempted to place the mem bers on record by forcing a yea and nay vote, but did not succeed, and the bill was defeated by a rising vote-51 to 105. Aside from other reasons, this action is

very poor public policy. It is to the Gov erament's interest that it shall attract the very best class of young men to its army. can scarcely find a better emergency ra-Preference in public employment after their honorable discharge would be a strong incentive to bring a very superior class of young men into the army, and give the Government an admirable corps of clerks from them after they had fin ligence, steadiness and fidelity, to those drawn directly from civil life, without any

THE NATIONAL ENCAMPNENT.

Last week the Western Traffic Asso dicate that we could safely hand the de- ciation made a tardy concession of one fense of the Nicaraguan Canal over to cent-a-mile to the National Encampment, either one of those feather-weight cham- provided its date were postponed to Sep pions, and hugh at England doing her tember. There were probably other mor important strings tied to the concession which were not reported in the dispatches. The Commander-in-Chief and Executive Committee met in St. Louis last Monday to consider the proposition, and decided, by sibly he means a jew-fish. Or clse a together elsewhere. The other places men tioned are Washington, Pittsburg and Cleveland, with a leaning toward the latter city. The Executive Committee ad THERE was some increase in the out. journed to Jan. 21, to give the places that put from the Pension Bureau for the week desired to entertain the National Enending Dec. 8, being a total of 1.817 cer- campment an opportunity to present their tificates, as against 1,458 the week be- claims. The field is now open to the fore, an increase of 359. Of these 879 whole country, and any city that wants were original allowances, against 700 the the meeting can make its bid. It is a big previous week; and 517 increases, against prize, for it means the bringing to the 461. An average allowance of 879 origicity anywhere from \$2,500,000 to \$5,000, inals per week would make a total of 000, which the comrades spend annually

Col. Geo. W. Cook, Past Commander of the Department of Colorado and Wyo-More Spaniards are emigrating to Cuba ming, is very indignant at the failure of than ever did under Spanish rule. Fully Denver to secure the Encampment, and will go before the meeting Jan. 21, and States, into American hands, and the steamships endeavor to secure a reversal of the deciare bringing them at the rate of 1,100 a sion. Failing in that he will appeal to the load. This has various aspects, the first Posts throughout the country. He claims being that Spaniards and white men will that Denver has fully complied with all

DEATH OF GEN, PARKE,

Another of the high officers of the Army of the Potomac has passed away. Gen. RICHARD CROKER, that horny-handed John G. Parke died at his residence in faboring man and pre-eminent friend of Washington, Dec. 16, of a complication the laboring man, has been ordered by the of diseases due to old age. He was born London Assessors to pay \$5,000 tax upon in Pennsylvania, and graduated in 1849, Britain. Here is a man who never did A. Gillmore was the head, and Gens second in a class of which Gen, Quincy an honest day's work in his life, who Baird, Cogswell, McKeever, Saxton and never conducted a legitimate business of R. W. Johnson were members. He was a Captain of Engineers in 1861, and commanded a brigade on Burnside's North Britain, outside of the reach of the courts Carolina Expedition, for which he was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel, He was Chief of Staff of the Ninth Corps on the Antietam Campaign, was promoted to Major-General of Volunteers, and served as Burnside's Chief of Staff at Fredericks burg. He commanded the Ninth Corps at Vicksburg and in East Tennessee, and the following contributions for the relief was brevetted Colonel for Jackson, Miss., and Brigadier-General for the defense of Knoxville. He resumed command of the Ninth Corps after Burnside's retirement 3.00 in front of Petersburg, and continued in 2.50 that position from Aug. 13, 1864, until jority for McKinley, and the returns show the end of the war. He was brevetted Major-General for the defense of Fort Steadman. He was mustered out of the volunteer service Jan. 15, 1866, and became a Major of Engineers. He became a Colonel of Engineers in 1884, was Suedges with gratitude the receipt of your check for \$77 further contribution for G. A. R. sufferers.

Yours, in F., C. & L.,

Yours, in F., C. & L., after 40 years' service. He leaves a wid-

ow, but no children. The remains were

taken to Philadelphia for interment.

TO BE AN AMERICAN CANAL The Senate, by the decisive majority of 65 to 17, has decided that the Nicaraession, and for which substantially all gua Canal, which is to be built by Amerthe Posts of the Grand Army of the Re- ican capital, shall be American property without entangling alliances. It has taken sage last Monday, and both Republicans a roundabout way to reach the result, but and Democrats united in jumping upon it it has reached it. The Hay Pauncefote Treaty, now before the Senate, starts out with an expression of desire to secure the construction of the Canal and a proposi tion to so modify the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty as to permit the United States to build it. It then goes on to lay down from those adopted for the Suez Canal:

1. The canal shall be free and open, in time of war as in time of peace, to the vessels of commerce and of war of all nations, on terms of entire equality, so that there shall be no discrimination against any nation or its citizens or subffiects in respect of the conditions or

charges of traffic, or otherwise.

2. The canal shall never be blockaded, nor shall any right of war be exercised nor any act of hostility be committed with-

3. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall Mr. Gillett, of Massachusetts, the not revictual nor take any stores in the Chairman of the Committee on Civil Sernecessary; and the transit of such vessels through the canal shall be effected with the least possible delay, in accordance regulations in force, and with only such intermission as may result from the necessities of the service.

Prizes shall be in all respects subject o the same rules as vessels of war of the belligerents. 4. No belligerent shall embark or disembark troops, munitions of war, or warlike materials in the canal except in case

Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not remain in such waters longer than 24 remain in such waters longer than 24 "I'd like powerful well ter go along hours at any one time except in case of distress, and in such case shall depart as passel o' gentlemen I never seed. Yo'us is

and all works necessary to the construc-tion, maintenance, and operation of the last dog was hung. If yo'uns want to canal shall be deemed to be part thereof, for the purposes of this convention, and in time of war as in time of peace shall njoy complete immunity from attack or injury by belligerents and from acts calulated to impair their usefulness as part

of the canal. 7. No fortification shall be erected commanding the canal or the waters adja-cent. The United States, however, shall liberty to maintain such military police along the canal as may be neces ary to protect it against lawlessness and

It is not within reasonable comprehen-sion why Secretary Hay ever brought I'll hang up 'round the Sequatchie till ar It is not within reasonable comprehenhimself to sign such an agreement. It is ter Chrissmus at least. Thar won't b highly objectionable in every way. In the first place, it is a violation of the Monroe done et up everything that goes on fou Doctrine, and admits a right, which no legs. Much oblegged ter yo', gents, fe American should concede, to England to all this grub yo've give me. Hit'll last me a long while, mebbe till I see yo'uns interfere in the purely domestic affairs of agin. If yo'uns ever come my way agin. this continent. The Suez Canal furnishes give me a call. So long, gents."

The labored ashere under all the rations absolutely no comparison. That was a matter complicated with the Eastern de could possibly carry. It was not until the boat was swinging out again that Mrs. Jinkins suddenly discovered that in with it. The Clayton-Bulwer Treaty was some mysterious way he had taken one a mistake, and so regarded by both para mistake, and so regarded by both parties in a very short time after its ratification. Great Britain began violating it at once, and our Secretaries of State generally treated it as a dead letter, until Mr. Gresham revived it.

of her dogs with him, and she set up a strick of sugar and dismay.

"Hi, yo' wuthless rinnnygade, Jim Bainbridge," she yelled, as soon as the could free her mouth from the snuff-stick.

"what air yo' totin' off my best coon-dog fur? Yo' po', ornery, low-down, white

In spite of the strong popular and Senatorial opposition to the Treaty, which has we do not ratify the treaty do not world, and it has been made so by men and threatened to resign it it were not world, and it has been made so by men and threatened to resign it it were not him back hyah, I done tell yo'; if yo know what's good fer yo'." but the opposition in the Senate has been to accept the Treaty as amended, and present it to Great Britain.

The amendment prepared by Senator Mister Captain," she sternly demanded of Si. "Shoot him if he don't." Davis, and which was adopted by a vote Si. of 4 to 1 last Thursday, adds the following to Sec. 5:

It is agreed however, that none of the mmediately foregoing conditions and stipulations in sections numbered 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of this article shall apply to meas eres which the United States may find it necessary to take for securing, by its own forces, the defense of the United States and the maintenance of public or-

While this is not nearly so acceptable as would have been a clean-cut declaration of the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, and that we proposed to go ahead and build the canal as a purely American enterprise, with no dealings with anyone but Nicaragua, it still gives up practically everything, and allows us to fortify the territory about the canal as we please. Any-other arrangement would be absurd. President Hayes announced the correct loctrine when he said that the canal would be merely a prolongation of our coast line. We must have it as thoroughly under our control as any part of our coast line. Talk of neutralization is preposterous. To attempt to neutralize it would merely throw it, in the case of war, into the hands of the power having the strongest navy, which would proceed to use it against its enemy. It can only be made completely neutral by having it part of the United The treaty will be voted on Thursday,

Dec. 20.

PERSONAL.

Gen. Alger got a lively shaking up on the morning of Dec. 12 in his house at Detroit by a burglar, whom he surprised in the act. The burglar tripped him and got away, while the General was picking himself up, with a booty estimated at \$300. The General has a burglar alarm in his house, but it happened to be off that night. He has also a fine watch-dog, but the dog happened to be shut up in a distant outbuilding.

Senator Pettigrew's son, who has been fighting with the Boers, was, with some 400 others, driven into Portuguese territory, and there disarmed by the authorities and seat home. He arrived at Savannah last week.

Comrade A. W. Edwards, editor of the Fargo Forum and Daily Republican, of Fargo, N. D., considers himself something of a predictor, at least, in the Presidentia line. Four years ago, a month before election-the Forum predicted North Da kota's majority for McKinley, coming within 116 of the official count. October this year the Forum predicted 15,000 ma-

his majority to be 14,857. Maj. A. C. Reinochl, Postmaster of Lancaster, Pa., and a prominent lawyer, committed suicide, Dec. 14, by turning on the gas. Financial troubles are supposed to have been the cause. He went out as a private in the 76th Pa., and came home its Adjutant. He was Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth under Govs. Geary and Hartranft and several times elected to the Legislature.



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The Boys Start for Atlanta

When the Lorena had passed Bridge port. Ala., and was approaching the mouth of the Sequatchie, Jim Bainbridge uncuried himself from around the smoke stack, and began to make preparations for going ashore.

"Awful sorry to have you leave us. Mr. Bainbridge," said Shad, bringing up coffee as the pilot had promised. "You have been the greatest possible help to us. In fact, I do not see how we should have ever got through without you."

"That's so," echoed St, heartily. "We never could've brung the boat through without your help. You were like the 10 fingers-always on hand when wanted. "Come along with us, Jim," urged Shorty. "Sherman 'll reward you by brevet of some kind-brevet Admiral o the army's fleet of prairie schooners, o brevet Commodore of the Fourteent Corps' ammunition squadron. You don' know what fun it is to manuver a flee of accidental hindrance of the transit, and of prairie schooners in a six-mule breeze of accidental hindrance of the transit, and in such case the transit shall be resumed with all possible dispatch.

5. The provisions of this article shall apply to waters adjacent to the canal, within three marine miles of either end. Vessels of war of a belligerent shall not vesse

soon as possible; but a vessel of war of all perfect gentlemen. Thar haint one belligerent shall not depart within 24 stuck-up one among you all; yo'uns don' hours from the departure of a vessel of take no sass from nobody, an' a sprie war of the other belligerent. ar of the other belligerent.
6. The plant, establishments, buildings, lef yo'uns wuz gwine ter run up an' down the dall works necessary to the construction. The Tennessee I'd stay with yo'ms till the Tennessee I'd nd an' go right back thre

turn 'round an' go right back through the Shoals I'll go with yo'uns, an' gladly."

"Thanks, awfully," interjected Shorty.

"But no more of it in mine. I'm giddy capstan. I went round it enough to've wound up the war.'

"But I won't go 10 mile from the Ten ssee, on no airthly account." Bainbridge. "I wuz born on hit, I've don-lived on hit all my life, an' I'll die on hi when my time comes. But I 'low ter have a heap o' fishin' an' coon-huntin' afor then. I've already done had more fan a that than ary other man in the country nothin' fur me down at the Shoals. Hood' army has skeered away all the fish, as

fur? Yo' po', ornery, low-down, white nigger trash; would yo' steal a lady boss-dog, right afore her own eyes? Bring that thar hound right back hyah, this THE Secretary Hay type of men who ished their military service. The United grown the more that it has been discussed that that hound right back hyah, this grown the more that it has been discussed that the hound right back hyah, this grown the more that it has been discussed that the hound right back hyah, this grown the more that it has been discussed that the hound right back hyah, this secretary Hay has clung tenaciously to it, and threatened to resign if it were not him back hyah. I done tell so him back hyah I done tell so him back hyah I done tell so him back hyah.

> But Jim humped his so decided that the President has agreed further up on his shoulders, and walked stelidly on, with the dog following close behind.

> > "Scarcely," remarked Si, take all the dogs he wants. taken the rest.'

'Well, then, I'll shoot him," she said furiously, snatching up a musket. Evidently she was no stranger to guns, and handled it in a way that boded trouble for Bainbridge, had not Shorty wrested i

from her grasp.
"O, what'll Smoot say when he come home from the war?" she wailed. "His heart'll be done broke, and he'll just skir me alive fer not takin' better keer o' tha thar hound. I didn't mind hit so much when Sal run off with a teamster, an Lize with a hoss-doctor. He couldn' blame me fer that, fer gals is as sho' te skeet out as bees is ter swarm, an' h didn't think so much on them, nohow They leaned ter be peart, an' sassy, a no 'count jinerully, arter they growed up But I orter tuck good keer o' the dog. matter what happened. The country' haint another sich a dog fer coons a Punk on the hull Tennessee River. 'Dees thar haint. The last words Smoot ter me when he went away wuz that I vallered my life ter take keer o' Pun while he was off fontin' fer our liberties. We must lose our liberties, but if I los Punk he'd sho'ly bust my head whe got back. An' now Punk's gone, arte al my worritin over him. Yo' must pu me right ashore till I foller up Jim Bain bridge, an' git Punk back. Put me righ ashore.

"Nonsense," said Si, "We haint n time to fool around landing. We're in hurry to get to Chattynoogy and Sherman The army's waiting for us. We wouldn stop for all the dogs in the kingdom, and especially for as mangy a lick-skillet a

"If yo' don't stop the boat an' put m
off this livin' minnit," said Mrs. Jinkin "I'll done throw a fit, an' make yo' wisl yo' had."

"Throw a fit or a misfit," said Si, irri-tably. "Throw anything you dumbed please, except throw away our time. This boat simply can't stop till we get to Chat-tynoogy. That's all there is of it," tynoogy. That's all there is of it."
Shorty looked apprehensive. He remembered his experience with the woman on the banks of Etk River, not far away as

the banks of life River, not far away as the crow flies.

The woman's eyes suddenly seemed starting from her head; she began to froth at the mouth, and her limbs to twitch and contort. Presently she fell to the deck in apparent mortal agony, with her daughters screaming. Si ran for Alf Russel, but that callow medic's art, which reveled in gunshot wounds and manly maladies, swooned at the thought of anything so awfully mysterious as a woman, and one in convulsions. All turned so pale at the sight that they thought he was going to faint, and Si housed him away again.

All was wild commotion on the deck—

All was wild commotion on the deck-incomparably more excitement than had been occasioned by all their previous exciting experiences. The girls shricked and wailed, the dogs howled, Pete and Sandy burst into uncontrollable tears, and some of the young recruits acted as if they would jump off the boat. Those who were not too awe-struck to speak offered all manner of suggestions based on what they had seen their mothers do to women offering from anything from tight stay and hysterics to dropsy, but no one had the courage to go near Mrs. Smoot Jin kins or carry any of the propositions into practice. The spectacle of a writhing, foaming woman was utterly unnerving to those young, inexperienced men.

"Seems to me its largely nervous," said Shad, perplexedly, consulting with Si. Shorty and Jake Dye. "But that does not help out. Her last conscious words, if I

stop brung the spasms on her."
'And my idea is," added Shorty, "that

"And my idea is, added Shorty, the sooner we stop the boat and put her ashore the sooner she'll come to."

"Why, it'd be barbarous to put her out there on the bare banks, in her present there on the bare banks, in her present some steambort graveyard, and run away the meanwhile.

"Looks more like they've bin robbin' members of his the meanwhile.

there on the bare banks, in her present condition," gasped Shad.
"Den't know about that," said Shorty.
"It's true it looks tough. But she's used to the open air. Been roosting around a tree when we took 'em aboard, Mebbe the air here's too close for her."

"About as close as it is in a saw-mill," suggested Si, looking at the stripped timbers of the Lorena.

"Even a saw-mill may be too close for

a woman that's been used to nothing more confining than county lines. Then, there's the smell o' the engine, and the motion o' the boat. Anyhow, if she stays aboard we'll all go crazy.

"Well, we must do something. I'm afraid the boat will sink, next thing, from the way things are going," concluded Shad. "Our business is to hurry on to Chattanoogy-sick woman or no sick woman. We've got to get rid of her, any way we can. Bring out three or four to him a sack containing twice as much blankets to carry her ashore in, and lay over her. Jake, get up a lot of ratio to leave with them."

The blankets were brought, and the pilot instructed to make a landing. But nobody could be gotten to pick Mrs. Jin-kins up and lay her on the blankets. Shad appealed to three or four of the older re-

"Yes," said Si, "and because we would whence she had come, and what experiences she had passed through.
"Call that a steamboat?" said

with a skeleton," said another.

"Look at them smokestacks," said an other, pointing to the Lorena's chimneys which had been knocked about badly by the overhanging limbs in the "Been burning crooked driftwood chutes. and got 'em clear out o' plumb."
"Her bones back there look like a dead

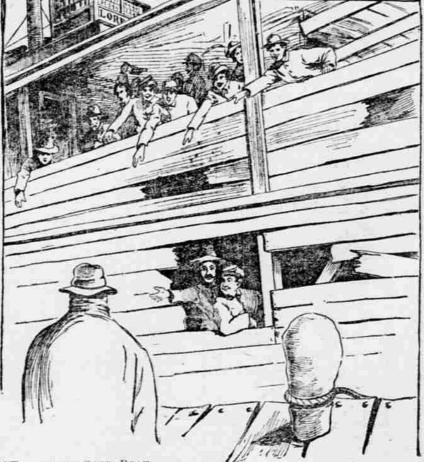
hoss's that the buzzards 've bin after. "Say, boys, if you don't cover that boat up better she'll get frost-bit these cold

Si and Shorty, who were busily engaged in shape for transfer, became weary an- and swering these jibes, and more pleasant inerrogatories, and were either irresponsive snubby to those on the wharf. Presently some one demanded sharply, a a commanding tone; "What boat is that?"

Si and Shorty, who were bending over

bundle of canvas, with their backs to the bow, made no answer, though it seemed to them they had heard that voice

"What boat is that?" asked the voice, a little more sharply.



"THIS IS THE GOOD BOAT KICK-UP-BEHIND,

ruits, who looked as if they ought to be married men, to come forward and do this, but the moment they saw his glance "Glad to know arned toward them they bolted for hidden parts of the boat.

hold of her worn calfskin shoes, as if he to tighten the rope. "Use your eyes, and was expecting an electric shock, and Shad don't ask so many fool questions." her shoulders with equal gingerly timidity. They placed her on the blanket, in which they and Jake and Shorty carried her up the bank, and laid her on a thick drift of leaves under the shelter of a beech tree, and put a liberal supply of rations beside her. They ran back to the with an officer's overcoat, buttoned up to peared, the woman stood up and began ex-

mining the rations and the blankets. "All this row over a worthless cur that's not fit to even make grease," murmured Shad, wearily, as the like. Lorena was driven ahead faster, to make

"Hi, you Yankee scamps, gi' me back my dogs. Yo'uns mustn't steal my dogs, for co-yo' villains," came in an angry woman's hooky shrill scream from the bank. "Stop that missed thar boat, an' gi' me back my dogs, yo' onhung rascals."

Looking back Si saw the her daughters running along the bank to-ward the point ahead, shaking their fists, and yelling at the top of their voices.

"What on earth's happened now?" in quired Si.

A rushing column of savage oaths sounds of whacking blows, and yelps and howls ascended from the direction of the

"Them blasted dogs," explained Shorty, oming up, "noticed that everybody was lrawed out o' the kitchen by that woman's onniptions, and they rushed in there and egan filling themselves. Nobody thought them when we wuz putting the woman ashore, and they wuz left behind.

They've already et about as much as'd till a mule-wagon. Stop that thar boat, I tell yo', an' give "Stop that that you've got my rabbit logs. What'll we do fer meat?" screamed the woman on shore. "Stop the boat terthe woman on shore. unst, if yo' know what's good fer yo'-

"Let's go down and chuck the beasts verboard," said Si. "They can swim like eavers. If they can't, let 'em drown, nd a good riddance it'll be." But the dogs seemed to have scented

danger as quickly as food; they had be-taken themselves to dark lurking places, and not one could be found. "Jake, I suppose an old woman with the high-strikes is one of the comforts of

a home you promised us," Shorty re-marked sardonically.

It had become quite dark by the time hopes of getting to Chattanooga that night. But they struck the terrific "Suck," where the waters of the Tennessee rush through the narrow gateway cut in the granite, and after struggling wearisomely with the maelstrom for a little while Shad

said, resignedly: "It's no use. We're too tired. It aint in us to work as we did when the rebels were all around us. Flesh and blood have had all they could stand. onight and take a start at daylight That'll bring us in quite as soon as they're

adv for us.

The first good night's rest they had had for many days gave them fresh energy to battle with the swirling waters, and when the boat's engines, and all the asistance they could give with poles, were baffled, they jumped ashore, and with will worked the great windlass which had been prepared for such emergencies. The was dragged by main strength through the resistless rush of water. the time the bright November was fairly above the high wall of Mis-sionary Ridge their long trip was over,

and Monty and Harry, standing waiting, fore and aft, with the great cable over their shoulders, gladly executed the "Take those lines ashore and make

They were at the lower wharf of Chattanooga.

Shad went to the Colonel's room to the journey, and receive instructions as that he forgot his military manners. to securing a train to take the pontoons on to Atlanta.

black, employees of the Quartermaster rds, if I and Commissary, teamsters, soldiers, etc., very impatient."

The Colonel looked dazed for a minute, and then, with Shad's and Si's assistance,

"Steamboat," answered Shorty. The "Glad to know it. Wasn't quite sure from the looks but it was a floating kind-

ling-wood factory in hard luck. "Well, Si, it's you and I for it," said
Shad, desperately. "Take hold of her feet
while I lift her shoulders, and we'll lay
"Dumb it, can't you read her name on er on."

the pilot-house," Si answered crossly, for Si summoned all his determination, took he had just broken his thumb-nail trying

> "Look here, sir, you mustn't answer me that way," said the voice, sharply. Shorty, who had barked his shin against one of the anchors, and was ready to which somehow appeared familiar, but Shorty could not place it. It seemed to him that it was the Quartermaster of the him that it was the Quartermaster of the not let you leave this place, except to go familiar, but into soap-rily, as the like. "Why shouldn't he answer you that way, I want to know?" he flared up. "We sint no information bureau. We wasn't enlisted to read boat's names and things for commissioned officers who'd instead o' going to school, and niggers around there to read the name for on, Captain. We're too busy."
> "Captain—that's good," chuckled the

crowd ashore, "There, there, sir," returned the officer, you have wasted enough breath and time to have told me the whole history of the boat, and yet said nothing."

good boat Kick-Up-Behind, Capt. Sour Dough Master, loaded with meerschaums nankeen pants, and patent-leather slippers, for Sherman's army, and bound across Buzzard Roost by the way of Kenesaw Mountain for the Ocmulgee River. the solemn truth, Colonel, little as I want to tell it.'

"Colonel!" The crowd laughed again. "Good enough," said the officer. "I think I'll put you on my staff, to furnish information to the newspapers. You'd make fine war correspondent. Your imagina tion is only equalled by your disregard of this chaff," he added in a tone which made Si and Shorty involuntarily stop their work and begin to straighten up. promptly and truthfully. What boat is

"United States transport Lorena," an-

Gen. Sherman's army."

"Hello," said the officer in a tone of inations under the civil-service laws (in

"Col. Bonesteel, United States Engi-

shouted to his men. "Never mind the guards," said Gen.

steel at once.' went up to the cabin deck as rapidly as his broad Wabash feet would carry him, to startle Col. Bonesteel and Shad as his broad Wabash feet would with the announcement of Gen. Sherman's bresence. Shad had just finished, under the Colonel's directions, a report to the Commandant of the Post of the Lorena's arrival, and a requisition on the Superintendent of Railroads for a train ready early the next morning to take the

pontoons on to Sherman. "You will take that personally," said the Colonel, pointing to the requisition, "to the Superintendent and insist upon having the train not later than tomorrow morning. He will try to put you off, and not all in yet, but the following is a get another day, but do not allow him to ty close approximation of what they do so. If he will not agree to it, cor

"Gen. Sherman's out there on the Shad went to the Colonel's room to and wants you to come to him at once, awaken him, inform him of the end of Colonel," said Si, so full of his message curing a train to take the pontoons of Atlanta, crowd of idlers, citizens, white and Colonel, and shaken from his fastnesses.

"Yes; and he can't wait a minute. He's

got his cloak on over his wounded arm, and went down the stairs and out on to the wharf, where Gen. Sherman was ner-vously pacing up and down, twitching a riding switch and giving jerky orders to members of his staff who had come up in

"Hello, Bonesteel." he called out, as the Colonel came over the gaug-plank, "Glad to see you. So you brought my pontoons on yourself, did you? Glad you appreciated the importance of my getting them. Awfully afraid they wouldn't reach me."

"Had a terrible time getting here, Gen-ral. Ran through the whole of"— "Yes, yes," broke in the General, im-atiently, "All having tough times now, patiently. Usually do in war. Put it all in your re-port. Got all the stuff there, have you?" "Every bit your requisition called for, Si and Shorty, who were businy engaged in getting the boys packed up and ready to take the train, and the pontoon stuff through at times. Men acted nobly,

"Always do. Always do. Finest army in the world; men can't be beat. Give

them full credit in your report." "I was myself severely wounded, and"-"Too bad. Sorry to hear it. But we must expect to get hurt. No Surgeon aboard, I suppose? Brown, gallop over there to Surgeon Miller and tell him to come here at once and examine Col. Bono-steel's wound. Got the stuff all ready to go aboard the ears, Colonel?"

The Colonel looked inquiringly at Shad,

who formally reported:
"All perfectly ready, Colonel, the mo-

ment we can get the cars."
"All ready, General, and I have prepared a requisition for the train, which I have asked for to be ready tomorrow morning, without fail." "Tomorrow morning! Tomorrow morn-

That stuff's got to leave here in an hour. I am going myself, and it's got to "Lieutenant, go to my office and get the requisition, carry it to the Superintend-

ent and explain the necessity for imme-"No. Lieutenant," said Sherman, with nervous impatience. "Hand that requisition to Bradley, there. Bradley, you tell Wright that train must be ready, behind mine, in an hour. Roberts, go and bring teams enough here to haul that stuff over in a single load. Rush, now. Pick up teams wherever you find them. Lieutenant, when those wagons come, load them as you never loaded wagons before, and get that stuff on the cars as if on the wings of the wind. Don't you be a minnte over an hour, at your peril. Good morning, Colonel. Take good care of that arm of yours."

The Colonel was aghast and hurt at the unceremonious manner in which his "expedition" had been ended, and the whole matter taken out of his hands. He had grown to feel like a conquering hero, making a triumphant entrance to a city, and here found himself reduced to the ranks of those who had simply done an obvious duty well, and contributed his expected mite toward the success of a great movement. He walked back to his cabin in bitterness of heart, at the vanity of human greatness, and for the moment even feit like burning up the report upon which

he had expended so much labor. The Surgeon came and dressed his wound, and after a little hospitality and chat the two lighted cigars and walked forward, to see Shad, Si, Shorty and the rest in a fever of hurry to get the stuff on the cars and started for the front. Sherman's nervous eagerness had imparted self to them. They had no ambitions to be thwarted, no self-importance to be They were simply glad they had done their work well so far, and eager to do more, and be with their comrades, who were to share in great things. As the Colonel watched them he caught the

infection from them.
"They're the finest men alive," he said,
finally. "It's honor enough merely to command such men. I am going along with

"Indeed, you are not," said the Surgeon decidedly. decidedly. You are going to stay right here until your arm gets much better, unless there is a good chance to send you back home "I was not aware that I was under your

command, Doctor," said the Colonel, with with an officer's overcoat, buttoned up to boat, which was sheering off with the curthe chin, and a badly-battered campaign some asperity.

"Well, you are, very much so. It's my
the plarming convulsions at once disapnpeared a short, rugged, red beard,
duty to see that no wounded or sick men go to the front, except such as I think en-

to the rear.' "Army's got in a fine condition when Pillbags give orders to Colenels commanding independent the Colonel, bitterly.

"Be that as it may, I have my orders, and am going to obey them. Come, you have done enough for the present. Your life is too valuable to the needlessly endangered. There are some things that I am absolute in, and this is

one. You shall not go."

Before the hour was up the last stick was in the wagons, and the boys, learnat, and yet said nothing."

"Well, if you must know, this is the with them, lined up on the wharf to give him three cheers, before they rushed off for the train. The Colonel bowed from the deck, but could say nothing. He watched them as they hurried for the train, listened with sinking heart for the cheers with which they announced their leaving, and sank into a chair murmur-

"A great opportunity of my life gone. There is no telling what I might not have done at the head of those men."

(To be continued.)

The Bromwell Bill. A bill (H. R. 5779) giving preference to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines in all appointments in the civil service of the United States. Be it enacted, by the Senate and House

of Representatives of the United of America in Congress as imbled, That swered Si, coming to attention and salut-ing. "Loaded with pontoon supplies for and every branch thereof, whether reached exultation, "the pontoons at last. Who which case the rules and regulations fecting the same shall so provide), honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines neers, sir," said Si, still more respectfully, as recollections of the officer's appearance began to vivify in his mind. "I think he the afore-mentioned veterans of the civil the afore-mentioned veterans of the civil It had become quite dark by the time they came under the giant shadow of Lookout Mountain, but they were in high heres of getting to Chattaneous that remember which."

"Very good, Sergeant; find Col. Bonesteel at once, present my compliments to shall be certified and preferred for aphim, and tell him that Gen. Sherman de-sires to see him immediately here on the therein. Age, loss of limb or other "Gen. Sherman," gasped Si and Shorty, impairment which does not in fact incahastily buttoning up their blouses and straightening their caps.

"Fall in, guards; fall in promptly," Si tion involved; and persons thus preferred shall not be removed from their positions except for good cause, upon charges, and Sherman, impatiently. "Find Col. Bone-

after a hearing. Sec. 2. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with the provision are hereby repealed.

"The lines in italic were reported by the Committee on Reform in the Civil Service and later were incorporated in the

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McKinley's plurality 847,897 This compares with the result in 1806 McKinley's plurality 601,854

Increase over 1806..... 246,0: —Editor National Tribune.] 246,025

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